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I am the President of CWA Local 6222 in the heart of Houston, Texas. I am writing today on behalf of our 4400 members to oppose efforts to impose net neutrality rules on the Internet.

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Let me be abundantly clear: net neutrality will cost union jobs.

The groups and companies that support net neutrality regulations are not the people who build the Internet. That's us. The supporters of net neutrality regulations are not the people who make it possible for America's commerce to be conducted increasingly online. That's us. The advocates for net neutrality regulation are not the people who restore service after disruptions and disasters, who enter hazardous areas to get the Internet running again, or who visit people's houses and places of business to solve problems with their connections. That's us.

Tomorrow, we are holding a rally to highlight net neutrality backers' lack of support for American jobs. Their plans to regulate the Internet, the most vibrant segment of our recovering economy, would take union jobs in favor of scattered people devising new ways to make money off 1s and 0s. Of course, that's what companies like Google have been doing from the beginning: taking other people's work and making money off it.

We are completely behind President Obama when it comes to fulfilling his goal of universal broadband availability. His national broadband strategy should attain no less. However, we are completely opposed to efforts to regulate the Internet in favor of the people who have contributed nothing to its actual construction and ongoing operation.

Net neutrality is worse than a red herring. It's an albatross, ready to sink one of the best parts of the modern American economy, taking many good, high-wage jobs with it.

Respectfully,

Claude Cummings, Jr.  
President

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